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For: HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS FOR TREATING DEGENERATIVE  
DISEASES OF THE EYE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following sentence below the title:

This application claims priority from PCT/US2003/033873 filed on October 27, 2003, and  
United States Serial No. 60/425,576, filed on November 12, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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